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DAILY BRIEF

*USSR: Moscow's recent cessation of the jamming of Voice of America broadcasts to the USSR probably is intended as a further constructive gesture in response to President Kennedy's 10 June speech.

The jamming stopped completely on 19 June and has not resumed. There had been a reduction in jamming operations during the previous week.

This move, together with publication of the President's speech in the Soviet press and Khrushchev's favorable comments on it, and the signing of the "hot-line" agreement, probably is calculated to improve the atmosphere of Soviet-US relations.

Moscow relaxed its jamming operations during Khrushchev's visit to the US in 1959 and maintained only minimal interference with VOA during the following months prior to the abortive Paris summit meeting in May 1960.

The USSR also stopped jamming BBC broadcasts in early June.

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Egypt-Yemen: (Nasir's top adviser says that the withdrawal of Egyptian forces from Yemen will be further delayed because of the recent increase in royalist opposition.)

(Ali Sabri told Ambassador Badeau on 25 June that a new disengagement schedule would be prepared based on a realistic view of the situation. He indicated that further decisions would await a report from Field Marshal Amer, who returns from Yemen in the next few days.)

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Italy: The US Embassy considers that Premier Leone's chances of winning a vote of confidence are now about even.

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The neo-Fascists and Communists have announced they will vote against him. [The Socialists are expected to make up their minds this week, and the Social Democrats and Republicans will probably follow the Socialist lead.] The vote is not expected until 5 July or later.

The Communist Party has set its machinery in motion in an effort to embarrass Premier Leone's government and bring it down.

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France: Rising discontent among farmers may reduce De Gaulle's freedom of action on both domestic and foreign policy issues.

Sizable demonstrations and strikes by farmers occurred last week in several departments throughout the country.

French farmers are dissatisfied with low farm prices, angered by competition from imports, and have been unhappy for some time over EEC developments affecting their prospects and interests.

Although De Gaulle's political position seems firm, his program is vulnerable to outbursts of public dissatisfaction, as the miners' strike last spring made clear. His reaction in this instance may show itself in a stiffer attitude in international agricultural negotiations. This the French would justify as necessary to avoid more serious unrest and a further loss of public support.

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***Iraq-Kurds:** Recent Kurdish hit-and-run attacks against the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline have caused brief interruptions of the oil flow.

The Kurds followed up an attack on 15 June during which company guards were decapitated, by slightly damaging the line near Kirkuk on the night of 23-24 June. Two other attacks on 24-25 June were repulsed.

Company officials have expressed the fear that the Kurds may hit the company's key water intake facility on the Little Zab River which supplies the power plants and cause a shutdown of the entire pipeline system for a lengthy period.

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Argentina: (The political disarray among major parties as the 7 July elections approach is causing growing unrest.)

(There are serious rifts among the Peronists and ex-President Frondizi's Intransigent Radicals (UCRI), which are the two important groupings in the five-party National and Popular Front (FNP). These rifts, which weaken the front, were deepened by ex-dictator Peron's and Frondizi's endorsement of conservative Vicente Solano Lima as presidential candidate of the FNP.)

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(Ambassador McClintock comments that Frigerio's statement may have been intended to antagonize military elements opposing the elections, and may also alienate some FNP supporters.)

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USSR - Latin America: Khrushchev may be angling for invitations to visit other Latin American countries in conjunction with his proposed trip to Cuba. During Castro's visit to the USSR last month TASS announced that Khrushchev had accepted the Cuban leader's invitation to come to Cuba, with the date to be set later.

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Yugoslavia: Belgrade's new parliament will convene on 29 June for an eight-day session, during which a new government will be announced. Tito will continue as president, and

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Aleksander Rankovic will become vice president, Edvard Kardelj head of parliament, and Petar Stambolic premier. These appointments would clearly establish Rankovic as the leading contender for Tito's mantle.)

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South Korea: Extensive damage from a typhoon and continued bad weather have aggravated the serious food situation in South Korea caused by the failure of the spring barley crop. Large-scale hardships could result and bring on popular demonstrations. Such disorders might become strongly anti-US in view of the latent resentment over South Korea's dependence on American support.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

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The United States Intelligence Board, on 26 June 1963, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

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NIE 22-63: "France Under De Gaulle" [redacted]

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SNIE 14.3-63: "The Impact of the Sino-Soviet Dispute on North Vietnam and Its Policies" [redacted]

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